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1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ACTION ADDRESSEES SEEKING
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FROM FRENCH AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SOURCES INFORMATION

CONCERNING EXPERIENCE IN REPATRIATING FRENCH CITIZENS OF DUAL NATIONALITY AND NON-FRENCH FAMILY MEMBERS OF FRENCH CITIZENS FROM VIET-NAM. INFORMATION CONCERNING EXPERIENCES OF OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS COMING FROM SAIGON ABOARD FRENCH FLIGHTS, IF AVAILABLE, WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL IN RESPONDING TO CONTINUING QUERIES FROM AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE VIETNAMESE RELATIVES, PARTICULARLY SPOUSES AND CHILDREN, STILL IN VIET-NAM AND WHO SEEK INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THOSE RELATIVES GETTING OUT.

2. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MAY BE USEFUL GUIDE FOR INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT.

A. HOW FREQUENT ARE FRENCH FLIGHTS AND HOW MANY PERSONS HAVE COME OUT ON THEM THUS FAR?

B. HAVE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES ALLOWED FRENCH CITIZENS OF VIETNAMESE ORIGIN OR DUAL NATIONALS TO EMIGRATE" IF SO, HOW MANY? DO VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO BE SELECTIVE IN ALLOWING PARTICULARLY CATEGORIES OF DUAL NATIONALS TO EMIGRATE AND, IF SO, WHAT CRITERIA SEEM TO BE USED?

C. HAVE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES PERMITTED VIETNAMESE CITIZEN DEPENDENTS OF FRENCH CITIZENS TO DEPART? HAS ANY DISTINCTION BEEN MADE BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE ACCOMPANIED BY FRENCH RELATIVES AND THOSE PHYSICALLY SEPARATED FROM FRENCH SPONSORS?

D. HAVE MORE DISTANT RELATIVES THAN SPOUSES OR CHILDREN BEEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE?

E. HAVE SPOUSES AND CHILDREN OF VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS IN FRANCE OR OTHER COUNTRIES BEEN ALLOWED TO DEPART?

F. WHAT DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THOSE WISHING TO LEAVE VIET-NAM? DO THESE REQUIREMENTS APPEAR TO BE ENFORCED UNIFORMLY, OR IS THERE SOME CONFIDENTIAL

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FLEXIBILITY?

G- DOES GOF HAVE ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT REMAINING VIETNAMESE RELATIVES OF FOREIGNERS HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF REPRISALS OR OF PARTICULAR SCRUTINY OR OTHER ATTENTION FROM VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES? END QUOTE KISSINGER

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